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SUBJECT: U.S.-SPANISH JOINT COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: MINUTES OF MAY 16 MEETING.

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1. SPANISH VERSION OF DRAFT MINUTES WERE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON JUNE 20. TRANSLATION INTO ENGLISH HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED. WITHOUT AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION IT IS DIFFICULT FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO FINALLY COMMENT ON THE SPANISH VERSION AT THIS TIME, AND THEREFORE IT IS MOST UNLIKELY THAT AGREED TEXT WILL BE AVAILABLE BY JULY 1.

2. AS TO PROPOSED CHANGES SUGGESTED IN THE REF, WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY COMMENTS --

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--- REF, PARA 2A, PROPOSAL FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE FIRST YEAR'S S&T FUNDS BY PROGRAM CATEGORY APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED DURING INFORMAL EXCHANGES OF VIEWS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH SIDES AND WAS NOT A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE U.S. SIDE FOR SPANISH CONSIDERATION AS THE SPANISH VERSION INDICATES. OUR RECORDS OF THE MEETING DO NOT SHOW HOW THE PROPOSAL ORIGINATED BUT

THEY DO SHOW THAT THE FIRST REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED

DISTRIBUTION AT THE MEETING WAS MADE BY THE SPANISH CO-CHAIRMAN. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE SPANISH SIDE MIGHT WISH THE RECORD TO SHOW THAT U.S. SIDE ORIGINATED THE PROPOSAL, WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ACCURATE FOR THE MINUTES TO STATE THAT IT WAS A U.S. PROPOSAL.

--- REF PARA 2B, WE ACCEPT THE PROPOSED CHANGE.

--- REF PARA 2C, CO-CHAIRPERSON MINK MADE NO REFERENCE TO U.S. LAW (AS THE SPANISH VERSION OF THE MINUTES SHOW) OR TO U.S. REGULATIONS AS THE REF NOW STATES; RATHER MRS. MINK SAID THAT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS (NOT REQUIRED BY U.S. LEGISLATION OR U.S. REGULATIONS) THE U.S. WANTED OCEANOGRAPHY FUNDS ROUTED THROUGH A U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY.

--- REF PARA 3, OUR RECORDS OF THE MEETING DO NOT SHOW THAT MRS. MINK INDICATED AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, OR OCEANOGRAPHY AS PRIORITY FIELDS FOR COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AS THE SPANISH VERSION INDICATED. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD OBJECT TO SUCH INCLUSION OF SUCH A STATEMENT IN THE MINUTES.

3. AS SOON AS THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION IS AVAILABLE, COMPLETE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS WILL BE FORTHCOMING. VANCE

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